

House Study Bill 503 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BALTIMORE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the criminal offense of interference with
2 official acts, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 719.1, subsection 2, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 A person under the custody, control, or supervision of
4 the department of corrections, a county jail, or a municipal
5 holding facility, commits interference with official acts when
6 the person knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a
7 correctional officer, jailer, agent, employee, or contractor,
8 whether paid or volunteer, in the performance of the person's
9 official duties.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to interference with official acts.

14 Under the bill, a person under the custody, control, or
15 supervision of a county jail or municipal holding facility who
16 knowingly resists, obstructs, or interferes with a jailer,
17 agent, employee, or contractor in the performance of the
18 official duties of the jailer, agent, employee, or contractor
19 commits interference with official acts.

20 The criminal offense for the commission of interference
21 with official acts pursuant to the bill ranges from a serious
22 misdemeanor through a class "C" felony depending upon the facts
23 of the offense under Code section 719.1(2).

24 A person who assaults a jailer may also be punished pursuant
25 to the existing provisions of Code section 708.3A.